

--This application is a continuation of PCT Application No. PCT/FR00/01981 filed 7 July 2000, which claims priority to French Application No. 99/08939 filed 9 July 1999.--

**In the Claims:**

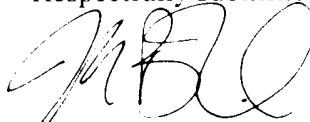
Please cancel claims 2-32 of the PCT application, without prejudice or disclaimer.

**REMARKS**

The specification has been amended to recite the priority data and to cancel claims 2-32 of the PCT application. Therefore, claim 1 is presently pending.

Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/10200203/MBW.

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